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September 30, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT NINTH-YEAR GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2008-09 FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) FOR THE ELDER ABUSE ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH PROGRAM (EAAOP) (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Elder Abuse Advocacy and Outreach Program enhances and improves specialized advocacy services to seniors who are victims of elder abuse in Los Angeles County. The District Attorney's Office has completed and submitted an OES grant application to continue EAAOP grant funding in FY 2008-09, and requests the Chair to sign the enclosed Certification of Assurance of Compliance form which is a requirement of the Grant Award Agreement.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the District Attorney, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to accept grant funds for EAAOP from OES in the amount of \$153,000, with a required 20 percent match of \$38,250 for a total estimated project cost of \$191,250. The grant period is October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.
2. Request the Chair of the Board to sign and affix a wet signature to the enclosed Certification of Assurance of Compliance form required to complete the OES grant application.
3. Authorize the District Attorney or his designee, upon award of grant funding by OES, to accept and execute the Grant Award Agreement (GAA). This also includes authorization to sign and approve any subsequent amendments, modifications, and/or extensions to the grant award that do not increase the net County cost of the program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The OES Request for Application (RFA), for FY 2008-09 EAAOP, requires applicants to complete a Certification of Assurance of Compliance form, which includes details regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEOP) Compliance, Drug Free Workplace Compliance, California Environmental Quality Act Compliance, Lobbying, Debarment and Suspension requirements, and Proof of Authority from the City Council/Governing Board. Applicants are required to submit the necessary assurances and documentation before finalization of the GAA.

Due to the uncertainty of proposed budget cuts by the State in the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funded programs, we held the Board letter filing until we were officially notified of the grant reduction. All counties received notification of the VOCA reduction from OES on August 21, 2008. Although this program was cut by 15%, there is a possibility of funding augmentation once the State determines the final amount of available VOCA funds. For now, OES is proceeding with approval of the 2008-09 grant awards.

Board approval is requested to accept the grant funds to comply with County and OES requirements.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This program is part of the District Attorney's commitment to assist underserved victims of crime by alleviating the trauma and devastating effects of crime on the lives of victims and their families. Acceptance of the grant award supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, by securing an available revenue source at the federal level.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There are three (3) Victim Services Representative (VSR) IIs budgeted for this program. The total estimated project cost is \$191,250, which includes the grant award of \$153,000 and the District Attorney's required 20% match of \$38,250.

If funding for this program were terminated, an evaluation would be conducted to determine whether the program would either be continued with costs absorbed by the department, or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant budgeted positions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In 2000, the District Attorney was awarded funds through a State grant to implement the EAAOP to enhance and improve specialized advocacy services to seniors who are victims of elder abuse in Los Angeles County. As part of the program, three VSRs are strategically placed to maximize interventions and service delivery throughout the County. One VSR is assigned to the Los Angeles County Elder Abuse Forensic Center (which is the second center in the United States that provides comprehensive interagency case consultation and collaboration on elder abuse cases); the second VSR is assigned to the District Attorney's Elder Abuse Section which vertically prosecutes felony cases; and the third VSR is assigned to the Inglewood Courthouse to provide services to elders in the entire South County area.

These VSRs serve as vital links to these particularly vulnerable victims and have made a significant impact on raising community awareness, providing specialized training to law enforcement and service providers on elder abuse, and assisting the victims in locating resources, court accompaniment, crisis intervention, counseling and emergency assistance. At the June 10, 2008 board meeting, the EAAOP was acknowledged and awarded a Los Angeles County Special Talents for Achieving Remarkable Service (STARS) award. The Chair of the Board of Supervisors presented the STARS award to the District Attorney for "Service Excellence" in assisting the County's senior and dependent adult population. Additionally, as a recipient of the STARS award, EAAOP has become a nominee for the SuperSTARS of the year award.

With approximately 10 million residents, Los Angeles County is also home to the largest population of persons 65 years of age or older. Statistics report that more than 1,013,339 seniors reside in the County. In 2007, Adult Protective Services received 26,313 reported cases of abuse and neglect of elderly and dependent adults in Los Angeles County. The most common forms of reported elder abuse within the County are: physical neglect, mental abuse, financial and physical abuse.

The following program objectives were reported to OES for the 2007-08 semi-annual progress report (October 1, 2007– March 31, 2008):

| <u>Objective</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|--|---------------|
| Identify new elder abuse victims/cases | 375 |
| Victim referrals to other agencies | 180 |
| Service provider awareness training | 9 |
| Number of attendees | 281 |
| Victim Awareness Presentations | 20 |
| Number of attendees | 748 |

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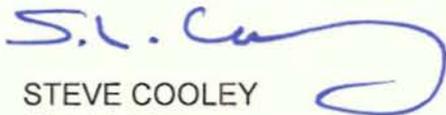
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the District Attorney's Office is not subject to the Board Motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments.

CONCLUSION

Following Board approval, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two copies of the adopted Board letter and one OES Certification of Assurance of Compliance Form, with a wet signature, to Ms. Patricia Orozco, Grants Section, County of Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, 201 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Orozco at (213) 202-7651 or via email at porozco@da.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



STEVE COOLEY
District Attorney

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel

**Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000**

Department: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Grant Project Title and Description ELDER ABUSE ADVOCACY & OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Elder Abuse Advocacy and Outreach Program (EAAOP) assists elder and dependent adults residing in Los Angeles County who are the victims of crime. EAAOP staff work closely with medical personnel, caregivers, service providers, prosecutors and law enforcement agencies to identify cases involving physical neglect, mental and financial abuse. EAAOP staff provides specialized services to elder and dependent adult crime victims.

| Funding Agency | Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #) | Grant Acceptance Deadline |
|--|--|---------------------------|
| State Office of Emergency Services (OES) | Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) fund, CFDA # 16.575, Federal Trust | |

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|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$153,000 | County Match: \$38,250 | |
| Grant Period: FY 2008-09 | Begin Date: October 1, 2008 | End Date: September 30, 2009 |
| Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: | Full Time: 3 | Part Time: _____ |

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

- Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes No
- Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes No
- Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes No
- If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:
- a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes No
- b). Identify other revenue sources Yes No
- (Describe) _____
- c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes No

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

None.

Department Head Signature  Date 9/17/08

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund

I, STEVE COOLEY hereby certify that
(official authorized to sign grant award; same person as Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet)

RECIPIENT: COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
PROJECT TITLE: ELDER ABUSE ADVOCACY & OUTREACH PROGRAM (EAAOP)

is responsible for reviewing the *Grant Recipient Handbook* and adhering to all of the Grant Award Agreement requirements (state and/or federal) as directed by OES including, but not limited to, the following areas:

I. *Equal Employment Opportunity – (Recipient Handbook Section 2151)*

It is the public policy of the State of California to promote equal employment opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), marital status, sex, sexual orientation, denial of family medical care leave, denial of pregnancy disability leave, or age (over 40). OES-funded projects certify that they will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights.

Please provide the following information:

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: JULIE DIXON SILVA
Title: CHIEF, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS DIVISION
Address: 201 N. FIGUEROA STREET, SUITE 1455, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
Phone: (213) 202-7705
Email: jdsilva@da.lacounty.gov

II. *Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 – (Recipient Handbook, Section 2152)*

The State of California requires that every person or organization awarded a grant or contract shall certify it will provide a drug-free workplace.

III. *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – (Recipient Handbook, Section 2153)*

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (*Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.*) requires all OES funded projects to certify compliance with CEQA. Projects receiving funding must coordinate with their city or county planning agency to ensure that the project is compliance with CEAQ requirements.

IV. Lobbying – (Recipient Handbook Section 2154)

OES grant funds, grant property, or grant funded positions shall not be used for any lobbying activities, including, but not limited to, being paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.

V. Debarment and Suspension – (Recipient Handbook Section 2155)

(This applies to federally funded grants only.)

OES-funded projects must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department of agency.

VI. Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board

The above-named organization (applicant) accepts responsibility for and will comply with the requirement to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board in support of this program. The applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of OES, and that any cash match will be appropriated as required. It is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and OES disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from OES shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council/governing board.

The applicant is required to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board that the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so. The applicant is also required to maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand.

VII. Special Condition for Grant Awards with Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund

The grant recipient agrees to administer the grant in accordance with the VOCA, the VOCA Program Guidelines, and the Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide.

